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Main Entry: ab-sorb (*)

Pronunciation: &b-'sorb, -'zorb

Function: transitive verb

Etymology: Middle French absorber, from Latin absorbEre. from ab- + sorbEre to suck up; akin to Lithuanian surbti to sip, Greek rophein to gulp down

1: to take in and make part of an existent whole <the capacity of China to absorb invaders>

2 a: to suck up or take up <a sponge absorbs water> <charcoal absorbs gas> <plant roots absorb water> b : to take in: ACOUIRE, LEARN < convictions absorbed in youth -- M. R. Cohen > c: <u>USE UP</u>, <u>CONSUME</u> < the fever absorbed her strength>

3: to engage or engross wholly <absorbed in thought> 4 a (1): to receive without recoil or echo provided with a sound-absorbing surface> (2): ENDURE, SUSTAIN <absorbing hardships>(3): ASSUME, BEAR < the expenses were absorbed by the company > b: to transform (radiant energy) into a different form usually with a resulting rise in temperature <the earth absorbs the sun's rays>

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- ab·sorb·able 4) /&b-'sor-b&-b&l, -'zor-/ adjective
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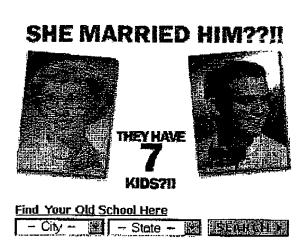
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